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Hopkins man indicted for selling heroin

MINNEAPOLIS – Two people living in Hopkins have been indicted by a federal grand jury for heroin and firearms offenses.

Eduardo Medina-Rodriguez, 25, was charged with two counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin, and Rigoberto Medina-Sanchez, 21, was charged with one count of possession of a firearm by an illegal alien.

According to court documents, police began investigating Medina-Rodriguez in 2007 for allegedly selling large amounts of heroin throughout the Twin Cities. He was found in possession of four ounces of heroin and \$5,000 in cash following an August 2007 search of his then-Minneapolis residence.

Medina-Rodriguez was arrested in September of 2007 at a storage locker facility in Hopkins following a search. Inside the locker police found approximately 350 grams of heroin along with a Springfield Arms 9 millimeter handgun.

Prior to Medina-Rodriguez's arrest, officers observed a vehicle driving slowly past the storage facility. They concluded the occupants of the vehicle were the same people involved in an earlier controlled purchase of heroin and cocaine. Following a traffic stop, Medina-Sanchez was arrested.

If convicted, Medina-Rodriguez faces a potential maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison, and Medina-Sanchez faces a potential maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Minneapolis Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leshia Lee-Dixon.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.